

**Stawell minutes of the 32nd Annual Parish Council Meeting  
Held in Stawell Village Hall on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2019  
Following the Annual Parish Meeting.**

**Present:** Cllrs. Penny Badcock, Hugh Gange-Harris, Brian Lishman (Chairman), Linda Osborn and Simon Thomas.

**Also:** Cllrs. David Huxtable (SCC) and Stuart Kingham (SDC).

**In attendance:** Chris Fry (Clerk) and 1 member of the public,

**1223 Apologies for Absence:** Cllr. Rod Conaway.

**1224 Declarations of Interest:** Cllrs. Simon Thomas with regard to items 1229 (c) and (d).

**1225 Chairman's report:**

The Chairman apologised for the delayed start of the meeting and said that the Parish Council had objected to the Planning Application for an agricultural building on land to the south of Goose Green Farm Sutton Mallet (he himself took no part having declared an interest). That relating to the conversion of a barn at Wood Lane Farm was an application submitted under "permitted development" and the Council had commented mainly on road safety issues. With regard to the former proposal to construct a moto cross circuit on land in the Stawell moor he said that to date the engineering works have been removed.

**1226 Minutes of the last meeting of 1st April 2019 -** These were taken as read, agreed and signed.

**1227 Matters Arising:**

**a. Traffic speeds at Flichtetts Farm:**

Simon Thomas said he thought there was an issue of speeding traffic here and he wondered if "Slow" road signage might be possible. The Chairman said the SCC Highways department were reluctant to act on roads where the national speed limit was in place. The Clerk was asked to bring the matter to the attention of SCC Highways as well as reminding them of the matter of "slow" road signage on the A39 at the Ford Lane junction.

**b. Overgrown hedge and bank in Ford Lane.**

It was reported that some undergrowth clearance had taken place in the adjoining garden at the request of BT who required access to a telegraph pole. The Chairman said he has yet to approach the householder about the overgrown hedge.

**1228 County/District Reports:**

**a. County:**

As David Huxtable had had to leave to attend another meeting – none.

**b. District:**

The Chairman noted that Sedgemoor was the only surviving district council between Bath and Exeter where the Conservatives remained in control, albeit with a reduced majority.

Stuart Kingham said the Colley Lane/Taunton Road relief route was well on target for completion in the New Year.

**1229 Financial Matters:**

**a. Precept:**

The 2019/2020 Precept of £3800 has been received.

**b. Year End Accounts:**

These as yet unaudited accounts were presented to the meeting  
The Accounting Statement of the AGAR forms was signed off by the Chairman and Clerk (RFO).  
The Master copy of the Receipts and Payments Account and Bank Reconciliation were also signed.

The Clerk reported that the internal audit will now go ahead followed by the external one.

**c. Cheques were signed as follows:**

No 391 £500.00 Stawell Village Hall (retained in view of item (d) below).  
No 392 £150.00 Stawell Church (Churchyard maintenance).  
No 393 £100.00 Sutton Mallet Church (Churchyard maintenance).  
(Last year's cheque was not presented and as such it became an out of date financial instrument and was disregarded as far as the accounts were concerned).  
No 394 £120.00 Mr CN Fry (May net salary).  
No 395 £112.93 " (expenses).  
No 396 £108.89 SALC (affiliation fee).  
No 397 £180.00 HMRC (paye O/N/D/J/F/M).  
No 398 £275.00 "Somerset Wood" (tree maintenance first 5 years in memory of the 11 fallen from both parishes in WW1).  
No 399 £500.00 Stawell Village Hall (retained- see above).

**d. Village Hall Grant Request.**

Cllr Simon Thomas (also of the village hall management committee), outlined the application for grant aid assistance of £1500 from the Parish Council to help with vital kitchen refurbishment work at the village hall. The 2019 annual grant/rental payment of £500 and that for 2020 is requested (in advance) together with the £1500 to make up the 10% of the refurbishment costs, with the balance of £25000 then being forthcoming from Viridor.

The current kitchen is deteriorating fast and in order to comply with regulations then action is needed now. The £3000 cost necessary to upgrade the electric supply from the current 1 phase to 3 phase is to be met from the Hall's current limited reserves.

A full discussion took place with the Chairman pointing out the management of the hall must realise the implications of having next year's funding early. Simon assured the meeting that this would not be a problem. The village hall is one of the Parishes only amenities and it was agreed that it is vital to keep within ever stringent regulations. It was proposed by Brian Lishman and seconded by Hugh Gange-Harris to agree to the request. No money is required at present as the £2500 will only be needed when the main grant application is confirmed by Viridor. The Clerk was asked to supply a letter to the village hall management committee outlining the extent of its agreement to assist.

**1230 Planning:** No new applications.

**1231 Correspondence:**

**a. Appointment of parish members to SDC committee.**

Noted.

**b. Litter Pick.**

Simon Thomas reported a "Litter Pick" was planned and that high viz jackets and pickers were being obtained from Asda.

**1232 Matters of report and items for next meeting:** None

**1233 Any other business and Date of next meeting:**

**a. CPSO.**

It was requested that a letter of appreciation be sent in recognition of the support given to the Parish by CPSO Laura Bradley. The Clerk to see to this.

**Date of next meeting Monday 3th June 2019 at 7.00 pm in the Village Hall.**

**There being no other business the meeting was declared closed at 8.19 pm**

